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SUBJECT: GERMAN INTEREST IN SOUTH AFRICAN URANIUM ENRICH-
MENT PROCESS

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1. REFTEL REPORTED SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS STORIES THAT FRG
ENERGY FIRM STEAG INTERESTED IN SA URANIUM ENRICHMENT PROCESS.
BONN UPI ALSO REPORTED THAT FRG AND SA SCIENTISTS ARE "COMPARING
NOTES." SPOKESMEN FOR FRG TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY AND STEAG REPORTEDLY
CONFIRMED THAT STEAG AND SA REPS ARE CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING ABOUT
STUDY TO COMPARE "LITTLE-KNOWN" SA PROCESS WITH GERMAN JET-
NOZZLE PROCESS FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT.

2. FRG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, ACCORDING TO UPI, STRESSED THAT
GOVERNMENT NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER AT KARLSRUHE WAS NOT RPT
NOT INVOLVED IN ANY WAY.

3. EMBASSY SCIATT WAS INFORMED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS BY
TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY OFFICIAL THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS.
HE COMMENTED THAT STEAG HAD ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN FINDING
OUT MORE ABOUT SA ENRICHMENT PROCESS BUT REFUSED TO MAKE

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ANY OTHER COMMENT UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS WERE COMPLETED, PROBABLY

EARLY NEXT WEEK. SCIATT MADE APPOINTMENT ON AUGUST 31 FOR FURTHER
DISCUSSIONS.
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